

Colonel Daniel L. Thomas

Fort George G. Meade Installation Commander



COL Daniel L. Thomas received a Regular Army commission in Military Intelligence after graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Colorado State University in 1985. Upon commissioning, he was assigned to the 197th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized Separate) at Fort Benning, Georgia. He served as Ground Surveillance Radar Platoon Leader, 179th MI Detachment, Operations Officer for A Troop, 3-7th CAV, and S-2 for 1-58th Mechanized Infantry Battalion.

In 1989, he attended the National Intelligence College in Washington DC where he graduated as a Distinguished Graduate with a Masters Degree in Strategic Intelligence. He was then assigned to Joint Intelligence Center Pacific where he served as Korean/Soviet Targets Officer, Chief of Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict Division, Special Security Officer, and Company Commander. While in Hawaii, he also competed in the Ironman Triathlon World Championship as part of the— Army Team in 1994 and 1995, and Team Captain in 1996. He was then assigned to the Defense Language Institute where he served as Installation Executive Officer, then S-3 and Executive Officer of the 229th MI Battalion.

After attending Command and General Staff College in 1997, he was assigned to the Joint Intelligence Center, US Central Command in Tampa Florida. He served as Chief, Afghanistan/Pakistan Analysis Team; Chief, Unconventional Targeting Cell during Operation Enduring Freedom's Afghanistan campaign, and as Chief, Iraq Analysis Section. He deployed as Director of Intelligence for CENTCOM Intelligence Fusion Center in Qatar in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In June 2003, he deployed to Germany and assumed Command of the 279th Base Support Battalion at Bamberg, supporting 1st Infantry Division and V Corps units. In June 2005, he was assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence (DG2), V Corps, and later deployed to Baghdad as Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence (DC2), Multi-National Corps Iraq.

His military training includes Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course and Advanced Courses, CAS3, Command and General Staff College, U.S. Army War College, Air Force Combat Targeting Officer Course, Basic and Advance Counter Terrorism Courses and Airborne School.

His decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Parachutist Badge and Germany Army Proficiency Badge – Gold.